

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 23, and 25 are amended. Claim 10 is cancelled, and its subject matter incorporated into Claims 1, 12, 23, and 25. Claim 11 is cancelled, and its subject matter incorporated into Claims 2 and 13. Claims 1-9 and 12-26 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application.

All of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone or e-mail relating to any issue that would advance examination of the present application. As per MPEP Chapter 5, Applicant understands that Internet communications may not be secure.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If applicable, a check for the petition for extension of time fee and other applicable fees is enclosed herewith. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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